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Kenya: President Kenyatta appears determined to destroy the political position of the dissident followers of pro-Communist former vice president Odinga.

Yesterday he called for an emergency session of parliament to consider a proposal that legislators who quit the government and party should be required to resign their parliamentary seats and seek a new mandate from the electorate. This would affect some 30 members of parliament, including Odinga, who were elected under the aegis of Kenyatta's party. Kenyatta can almost certainly muster enough votes to pass the necessary constitutional amendment.

Later yesterday the battle lines were drawn tighter when Odinga announced that he had assumed leadership of a new opposition party, the Kenya Peoples Union (KPU). Kenyatta may also refuse official recognition to the KPU in order to deny the Odinga forces a legitimate platform and rallying point.

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Cuba-USSR: Cuba has announced that it will receive a \$4-million credit from the Soviet Union. This is to finance part of a \$13.3-million joint geological exploration project scheduled to last 19 months. The Cubans, who are heavily dependent on the Soviet Union for petroleum, are anxious to exploit any existing petroleum reserves on the island. Past exploration activities, by US as well as Cuban companies, however, have found only small deposits of relatively low-grade petroleum.

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Congo (Brazzaville): Political infighting in the radical Brazzaville regime has culminated in the long-rumored resignation of Premier Pascal Lissouba and another cabinet reshuffle. The government changes came as a result of pressure from the Central Committee of the country's single party, and may foreshadow a more collegial direction of Brazzaville's tangled affairs. [The Central Committee reportedly blamed Lissouba--a technician without an independent political base--for the country's worsening economic situation.]

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